



Press Release

Matti Leppälä elected as the chair of the Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group

On 28 April 2016 the members of the Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group (OPSG) elected Mr. Matti Leppälä as their chair. The OPSG is the advisory body for occupational pensions at the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) in Frankfurt am Main.

In January 2016 Matti Leppälä was appointed by EIOPA for a second term in the OPSG, after serving a first term in 2013-2015. Currently, Matti Leppälä is Secretary General/CEO of PensionsEurope, the umbrella association for occupational pensions in Brussels.

Matti Leppälä, Secretary General/CEO of PensionsEurope, said: “I am honoured to Chair the OPSG for the coming term of two and a half years. The role of occupational pensions and other private pensions is increasingly important for good pensions in Europe. The OPSG is in a unique position to help EIOPA and other European institutions to reach the best possible outcomes.”

About the OPSG

The OPSG includes 30 experts and is composed of industry representatives, beneficiaries and consumers, professional users, employee/employer representatives and academics. The OPSG is established to facilitate EIOPA’s consultation with stakeholders in Europe on issues such as regulatory and implementing technical standards in addition to the guidelines and recommendations that apply to the occupational pensions sector. The OPSG is established under Regulation no. 1094/2010 of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union.

About EIOPA

EIOPA is part of the European system of Financial Supervision consisting of three Supervisory Authorities and the European Systemic Risk Board. EIOPA's core responsibilities are to support the stability of the financial system, transparency of markets and financial products as well as the protection of insurance policyholders, pension scheme members and beneficiaries.

About PensionsEurope

PensionsEurope represents national associations of pension funds and similar institutions for workplace pensions. Some members operate purely individual pension schemes. PensionsEurope Members are large institutional investors representing the **buy-side** on the financial markets.

PensionsEurope has **24 member associations** in EU Member States and other European countries with significant – in size and relevance – workplace pension systems¹.

PensionsEurope member organisations cover the workplace pensions of about **70 million European citizens**. Through its Member Associations PensionsEurope represents more than **€ 3.5 trillion of assets** managed for future pension payments.

PensionsEurope also has **26 Corporate and Supporter Members** which are various service providers and stakeholders that work with IORPs.

PensionsEurope has established a **Central & Eastern European Countries Forum (CEEC Forum)** to discuss issues common to pension systems in that region.

PensionsEurope has established a **Multinational Advisory Group (MAG)** which delivers advice on pension issues to PensionsEurope. It provides a collective voice and information sharing for the expertise and opinions of multinationals.

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